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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a one month extension of time in order to respond to the official action dated November 3, 2004. A grant of this request will reset the due date from February 3, 2004 until March 3, 2004. The requisite government fee for a one month extension of time for a small entity (\$55) is included in the enclosed check for \$440. Applicants also

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Respectfully submitted,

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